

Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth

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North Pickens Airport, AL
(lat. 33°23'20"N., long. 88°00'20"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of North Pickens Airport.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on August 20, 2001.

Wade T. Carpenter,

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division,
Southern Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

15 CFR Part 801

[Docket No. 010607148-1148-01]

RIN 0691-AA42

International Services Surveys: BE-48, Annual Survey of Reinsurance and Other Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies With Foreign Persons

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth proposed rules to amend the reporting requirements for the BE-48, Annual Survey of Reinsurance and Other Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies with Foreign Persons.

The BE-48 survey is conducted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Department of Commerce, under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act. The data are needed to support U.S. trade policy initiatives; compile the U.S. international transactions, national income and product, and input-output accounts; assess U.S. competitiveness in international trade in services; and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

BEA proposes to raise the exemption level for the BE-48 survey to \$2 million in either reinsurance premiums, received or paid; reinsurance losses, paid or recovered; primary insurance

premiums received; or primary insurance losses paid, from \$1 million on the previous (2000) survey. Raising the exemption level will reduce respondent burden, particularly for small companies.

DATES: Comments on these proposed rules will receive consideration if submitted in writing on or before November 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to the Office of the Chief, International Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington DC 20230, or hand delivered to room M-100, 1441 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be available for public inspection in room 7005, 1441 L Street, NW., between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. David Belli, Chief, International Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 606-9800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These proposed rules amend 15 CFR part 801 by revising § 801.9(b)(4)(ii) to set forth revised reporting requirements for the BE-48, Annual Survey of Reinsurance and Other Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies with Foreign Persons. The survey is conducted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Department of Commerce, under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub.L. 94-472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended). Section 3103(a) of the Act provides that "The President shall, to the extent he deems necessary and feasible— * * * (1) conduct a regular data collection program to secure current information * * * related to international investment and trade in services * * *". In Section 3 of Executive Order 11961, as amended by Executive Order 12518, the President delegated the authority under the Act as concerns international trade in services to the Secretary of Commerce, who has redelegated it to BEA.

The BE-48 is an annual survey of U.S. reinsurance and other insurance transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons. The data are needed to support U.S. trade policy initiatives; compile the U.S. international transactions, national income and product, and input-output accounts; assess U.S. competitiveness in international trade in services; and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Under the proposed rule, reporting in the BE-48 annual survey would be

required from all U.S. persons whose reinsurance premiums, received or paid; reinsurance losses, paid or recovered; primary insurance premiums received; or primary insurance losses paid exceeded \$2 million during the reporting year. The proposed exemption level is an increase from the current level of \$1 million. The increase is intended to reduce respondent burden, particularly for small companies. The data collected on the BE-48 are disaggregated by country and by type of insurance transaction.

Executive Order 12866

These proposed rules are not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Executive Order 13132

These proposed rules do not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under E.O. 13132.

Paperwork Reduction Act

These proposed rules contain a collection of information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. A request for review of the forms has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget under section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from less than one hour to 20 hours, with an overall average burden of 4 hours. This includes time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be addressed to: Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S.

Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; and to the Office of Management and Budget, O.I.R.A., Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0016, Washington, DC 20503 (Attention PRA Desk Officer for BEA).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Chief Counsel for Regulation, Department of Commerce, has certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, under the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), that this proposed rulemaking, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. While the survey does not collect data on total sales or other measures of the overall size of businesses that respond to the survey, historically the respondent universe has been comprised mainly of major U.S. corporations. With the proposed increase in the exemption level for the survey from \$1 million to \$2 million in covered receipts or payments, even fewer small businesses can be expected to be subject to reporting than in the past. Of those smaller businesses that must report, most will tend to have specialized operations and activities and thus will be likely to report only one type of insurance transaction, often limited to transactions with a single partner country; therefore, the burden on them can be expected to be small.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 801

Balance of payments, Economic statistics, Foreign trade, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: June 4, 2001.

J. Steven Landefeld,

Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, BEA proposes to amend 15 CFR Part 801, as follows:

PART 801—SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES BETWEEN U.S. AND FOREIGN PERSONS

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR part 801 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 15 U.S.C. 4908, 22 U.S.C. 3101–3108, and E.O. 11961 (3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 860 as amended by E.O. 12013 (3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 147), E.O. 12318 (3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p. 173), and E.O. 12518 (3 CFR, 1985 Comp., p. 348).

2. Section 801.9 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(4)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 801.9 Reports required.

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(b) * * *

(4) * * *

(ii) Exemption. A U.S. person otherwise required to report is exempt if, with respect to transactions with foreign persons, each of the following six items were \$2 million or less in the reporting period: Reinsurance premiums received, reinsurance premiums paid, reinsurance losses paid, reinsurance losses recovered, primary insurance premiums received, and primary insurance losses paid. If any one of these items is greater than \$2 million in the reporting period, a report must be filed.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 200

RIN 3220-AB48

Assessment or Waiver of Interest, Penalties, and Administrative Costs With Respect to Collection of Certain Debts

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby proposes to amend its regulations to conform those regulations to the practice of the agency to waive interest, penalties, and administrative costs where a debt is being recovered by setoff from current annuities and where the debt was not caused by fraud. This amendment will conform the regulation to current agency practice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address any comments concerning this proposed rule to the secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael C. Litt, (312) 751-4929, TDD (312) 751-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 200.7 of the Board's regulations provides for the assessment and waiver of interest, penalties, and administrative costs with respect to the collection of debts owed the Board. The Board proposes to amend its regulations so that the assessment of interest, penalties and administrative costs will be automatically waived in any case where the debt is being recovered by full or partial withholding of current annuities payable under the Railroad Retirement

Act and where fraud on the part of the debtor is not involved. This amendment will conform the Board's regulations to Board policy regarding recovery of debts due to the Board. The Social Security Administration also follows this same practice.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory impact analysis is required. There are no information collections associated with this rule.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 200

Railroad retirement.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Railroad Retirement Board proposes to amend 20 CFR part 200 as follows:

PART 200—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. The authority citation for part 200 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(5) and 45 U.S.C. 362; § 200.4 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552; § 200.5 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a; § 200.6 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552b; and § 200.7 also issued under 31 U.S.C. 3717.

2. Amend § 200.7 by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

§ 200.7 Assessment or waiver of interest, penalties, and administrative costs with respect to collection of certain debts.

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(i) The Board shall waive the collection of interest, penalties, and administrative costs in any case where the debt to be recovered is being recovered by full or partial withholding of a current annuity payable under the Railroad Retirement Act and the debt was not incurred through fraud.

Dated: August 27, 2001.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 200

RIN 3220-AB35

Designation of Central and Field Organization

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) proposes to amend its